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REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not disclose or suggest a ribbed towel having an elongated body of an absorbent material having handles on opposite ends of the body, a plurality of spaced-apart, rod-shaped pockets and a plurality of massage bars, each of the plurality of massage bars being inserted into one the plurality of pockets.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Brown whose telephone number is 703-308-2682. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30 am-4:00 pm Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nicholas Lucchesi can be reached on 703-308-2698. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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